† Sri B. Subbayya Shetty.— At present we are not getting any loan from the World Bank or other agencies.

Sri Prabakar Telkar.— The amount provided to the Bennithora project one third of the amount is spent on salary and the work is not in progress. Will the government provide sufficient funds to this project immediately so that work can be speeded up?

Sri B. Subbayya Shetty.—After looking into the salaries perhaps the hon. member thinks that more funds have to be allotted. Of course government would very much like to give more funds provided the funds are available. But the insfrastructure has to be there; therefore so much salary is being disbursed on this project. The Government is eager to complete this project at the earliest but the only constraint is that of funds. Funds are allotted after fixing priorities to each project.

Sri Prabakar Telkar.— As per the reply given, the work is proposed to be completed by the end of sixth plan i.e, 82-83. If one goes to the spot and sees the progress, the progress is not so much as it ought to be. May I expect an assurance from the government that they would complete the project by the end of 1982-83?

Sri B. Subbayya Shetty.— The answer is already provided that the date of completion of project is by the end of 1982-83 and the amount required for completion will be Rs. 1233.20 lakhs including the escalation, if any.

Sri Prabakar Telkar.— In view of reply given to (d) may I know whether more funds will be allotted ?

Sri B. Subbayya Shetty.— We have allotted certain funds to this project after taking into account the availability of funds; and we shall complete the project by the end of 1982-83.

Transmission line between Iduki and Mysore

320. Sri M. C. Basappa (Chamarajanagar).— Will the Minister of State for Information and Youth Services be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the construction work of the transmission line between Idu .i and Mysore completed;

(*b*) whether there was any agreement or understanding between the Government of Kerala and Karnataka regarding the quantum of Power supply to Karnataka;

(*c*) if so, details may be furnished;

(*d*) whether there is any fresh agreement in this regard for supply of power from Iduki;

(*e*) if so, the quantum of power Karnataka is getting ?

Sri K. H. SRINIVASA (Minister of State for Information and Youth Services).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*b*) above.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 2 to 2.5 M.U., per day up to 30-6-1978-

SRI M. C. BASAPPA.— May I know whether this is a Centrally-sponsored scheme or the State Government scheme ?

† SRI K. H. SRINIVASA.— The transmission lines are always centrally-sponsered schemes in the sense that the respective States will draw the lines within their territory.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA.— May I know the total estimated cost of this project and the expenditure incurred by the State Government ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVASA.— This was only regarding completion and the agreement aspect and other details of the project are not with me just now.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA.— May I know from the government before taking up this line whether there was any understanding between the Karnataka and the Kerala States that some quantity of power or the entire surplus power of Iduki will be transmitted to Karnataka through this power line ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVASA.— There was no such agreement; it was only a discussion re. the possibility of availability of power from Kerala. The Inter-State lines are constructed so that at a later date there can be an integrated grid pertaining to a particular region. Some times one State may be in surplus and at another point of time the other State may be in surplus. It all depends upon the power production and the demand in the respective States. So, before constructing the lines, usually there will be no particular agreement regarding the sharing of power. As and when the occasion arises, respective States can come into certain agreements.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA.—When it was thought to have a transmission line between Iduki and Mysore, it was understood that the entire surplus from Iduki would be transferred to Mysore. Now, the Tamilnadu is also taking the share of Iduki power.

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SRI K. H. SRINIVASA.— There was no such understanding. In fac there is a claim on the part of the Tamilnadu Electricity Board that the entire Iduki surplus power stand committed to them till the end of this year. Inspite of it we have been able to take sufficient quantity of power from Kerala,

There is an amendment to make. As on to day the power we are importing is 0.3 million units per day, because the power production in Iduki itself has gone down.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA.— Is it not going to affect the supply position to Karnataka and thereby there is acute shortage of power in Karnataka ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVASA.—Certainly it will affect the power position. But the import of power is very much depend upon the power production in Kerala itself. Fortunately, for us there is very good inflow to the Linganmakki reserveir. So, we are able to sustain the present power cut and possibly we may be able to improve to a little extent.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA.— According to you, we are getting 0. 3 M. units per day. Are there any chances of improving the supply ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVASA.— By July itself Power Ministers of Kerala Tamilnadu and Karnataka ought to have met for further understanding in the matter. But this has not taken place and after some time, we will have to meet and discuss what exactly the surplus power available from the Kerala power system. It all depends upon the surplus available in Kerala power system. Then, we can just come to an agreement regarding the sharing of surplus power.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA.— First of all we have to assess the surplus power available and share it. Whether such an assessment was made?

SRI K. H. SRINIVASA.— It is not for us to assess the surplus power available in Kerala. It is for the Kerala Electricity Board and the Kerala Government to assess and tell us what exactly they are capable of supplying to us. We cannot make the assessment; because it all depends upon the inflow into the Iduki. That depends upon the monsoon and its behaviour. Therefore, there cannot be a static assessment of the power situation. It has to be assessed and re-assessed as and when required.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA.—After the completion of the power line, the lines were damaged twice and it took some time to set it right. What was the expenditure incurred by the State Electricity Board in that behalf ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVASA.— Lines were damaged in Kerala portion; but not in our territory. We have no idea of the expenditure.

Disparity in wages for labourers working in Periyapatna Taluk

492. SRI K. S. KALAMARI GOWDA (Periyapatna).— Will the Minister for Food and Forest be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is a great disparity in the wages being paid by the forest department to the daily wage workers in different places of Periyapatna taluk and neighbouring Coorg District;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Rs. 3-50 for men and Rs. 2-50 for women is being paid in Periyapatna taluk while in Coorg District it is being paid at the rate of Rs. 4-50 for men and Rs. 3-50 for women;

(*c*) the reasons for this disparity in the rates of daily wages?

SRI H. C. SREEKANTAIAH (Minister for Municipal Administration).— On behalf of

SRI G. RAMEGOWDA (Minister for Food and Forest).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, there are disparities in daily wages.

(*c*) In the Forest Department daily wages are paid on the lines of the Public Works Department of the same division. There is a difference in the rates of daily wages in different divisions of the Public Works Department. Since the Forest Department is following the same procedure of the Public Works Department, there is a difference in daily wages between Madikeri Forest Division and Hunsur Forest Division.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಸ್. ಕಾಳಮರಿಗೌಡ.—ಪೆರಿಯಾಪಟ್ಟಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಂಡಾಳಿಗೆ ಮೂರೂವರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಣ್ಣಾಳಿಗೆ ಎರಡೂವರೆ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಗಂಡಾಳಿಗೆ ನಾಲ್ಕೂವರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಣ್ಣಾಳಿಗೆ ಮೂರೂವರೆ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಕೂಲಿ ಇದೆ. ಈ ಒಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಒಂದು ಕೂಲಿ ಇದೆಯೋ ಆದರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆಂದು ಉತ್ತರಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಕಡೆ ಒಂದೊಂದು ತರಹವಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರೇನು ಕೃಷಿ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ೪-೦೦ ಪೈಸೆ ಎಂದು ಒಂದು ಕೂಲಿ ದರವನ್ನು ಏನು ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರೋ ಆದೇ ದರವನ್ನು ಈ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಏಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಗತ ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ?

† ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಸಿ. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ದಿವಗೂಲಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಆಯಾಯ ಸರ್ಕಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಏನು ಒಂದು ರೇಟನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಆದರಂತೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಸರ್ಕಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೊಂದು ರೇಟ್ ಇದೆ. ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ-ಮಂಗಳೂರು, ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಸರ್ಕ್ಯೂಟ್‌ಗೂ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೈಸೂರು-ಹಾಸನ ಮೈಸೂರು ಸರ್ಕ್ಯೂಟ್‌ಗೂ ಸೇರಿವೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ